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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

KEYBOARD GUITAR MUSICAL INSTRUMENT APPARATUS

the specification of which (check one)

☒ [X] is attached hereto.

☐ [] was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 (a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application to which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

(Number) (Country) (Day/month/year filed)

Priority Claimed

☐ [] ☐ []
Yes No

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Date of Deposit 1/11/01 I hereby certify that
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Provisional Application Number

Filing Date

(Number)

(Month/Day/Year)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 (a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(App. Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status - patented, pending, abandoned)

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(Filing Date)

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I hereby declare that the invention disclosed in the above-identified application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in a foreign country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of the application 18 months after filing, accordingly, under Title 35, United States Code, Section 122(b)(1)(B)(i), the attached application will not be published.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) Trent C. Keisling, Registration No. 36,565, and David B. Pieper, Registration No. 42,998, and Robert R. Keegan, Registration No. 18,614, with an address of 1 East Center Street, Suite 217, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701, attorneys duly authorized to practice law. Further, all foregoing attorneys are authorized to prosecute this application to issuance, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive the Letters Patent Document, if issued.

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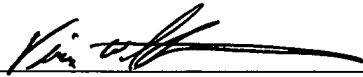
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION)
CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
[37 CFR SECTION 1.9 (f) and SECTION 1.27 (b)]
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled:

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described in:

- ☒ the specification filed herewith.
☐ Application Serial No. _____ filed _____.
☐ Patent No. _____ issued _____.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9 (e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☒ no such person, concern, or organization
☐ persons, concerns or organizations listed below*

* NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. [37 CFR 1.27].

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☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. [37 CFR 1.28(b)].

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NAME OF INVENTOR

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Signature of Inventor



Date